

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A video-signal recording & playback apparatus for recording and playing back a video signal of a television-broadcast program, said video-signal recording & playback apparatus comprising:

a detection means for detecting relevant information related to a program being recorded; and

a modification means for automatically modifying an algorithm of detecting a program-representing picture in dependence of said relevant information.

2. A video-signal recording & playback apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said detection means is capable of detecting information on a genre of a program being recorded.

3. A video-signal recording & playback method adopted in a video-signal recording & playback apparatus for recording and playing back a video signal of a television-broadcast program, said video-signal recording & playback method comprising the steps of:

detecting relevant information related to a program being recorded; and

automatically modifying an algorithm of detecting a program-representing picture in dependence of said relevant information.

4. A recording medium for storing a computer-readable program for controlling a video-signal recording & playback apparatus for recording and playing back a video signal of a television-broadcast program wherein said program comprises the steps of:

detecting relevant information related to a program being recorded; and

automatically modifying an algorithm of detecting a program-representing picture in dependence of said relevant information.